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**Cc:** Manzanilla, Enrique[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov]  
**From:** Christie StClair  
**Sent:** Sun 8/16/2015 12:00:11 AM  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Statement on San Juan River Data from Gold King Mine Release

This is good, I'll vet it. Thanks!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Clancy Tenley [mailto:Tenley.Clancy@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 6:36 PM  
To: Higuchi, Dean; Press; cmacpherson@sjbhd.org; cninde@sjbhd.org  
Cc: Manzanilla, Enrique  
Subject: Re: EPA Statement on San Juan River Data from Gold King Mine Release

I would suggest: this segment of the river has a great deal of natural variability in levels of metals and other constituents, and the data reflects that. We are currently working with our partners at the Nation EPA to conduct additional evaluation and comparison to historical data.

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From: Higuchi, Dean  
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 3:18 PM  
To: Press; cmacpherson@sjbhd.org; cninde@sjbhd.org; Tenley, Clancy  
Cc: Manzanilla, Enrique  
Subject: Fw: EPA Statement on San Juan River Data from Gold King Mine Release

Question from reporter below:

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From: Woodfill, David <dwoodfill@12NEWS.COM>  
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 12:10 PM  
To: Higuchi, Dean  
Subject: RE: EPA Statement on San Juan River Data from Gold King Mine Release

Good afternoon;  
Is there anyone who can interpret this data for KPNX?

Thank you for your time.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dean Higuchi [mailto:higuchi.dean@epa.gov]  
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 2:45 PM  
To: KPNX-Connect <KPNX-Connect@12NEWS.COM>  
Subject: EPA Statement on San Juan River Data from Gold King Mine Release

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#### EPA Statement on San Juan River Data from Gold King Mine Release

SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO - Today, EPA has released additional water quality data from Aug. 7 to Aug. 9, 2015, on the San Juan River between Farmington and Shiprock, New Mexico. The August 7 data was collected for baseline purposes to understand river conditions at the Hogback monitoring location, prior to the impact of the upstream contaminants from the Gold King Mine release.

To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine, water quality samples were collected at four locations for 24 metals. Each surface water sample was analyzed for metals including arsenic, cadmium, lead and mercury.

Due to the highly variable conditions typical of this segment of the river, additional testing will be conducted, and we continue to work closely with the Navajo Nation EPA on assessing drinking water, agriculture, livestock, and other critical water needs.

Water quality data from Aug. 7 to Aug. 9, 2015, on the San Juan River between Farmington and Shiprock, New Mexico: <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/epa-statement-water-quality-data-collected-san-juan-river-between-farmington-and>

For more information: <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>

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